

June

BLACKROD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL


ANNUAL REPORT
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of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
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for the year 1968

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| 2. | Mr. Morley Parry | A.419 |
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BLACKROD URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Public Health Officer of the Authority

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J. F. Wood, M.A.P.H.I.

Also Divisional Medical Officer,

Divisional Health Committee No. 11

Lancashire County Council

Divisional School Medical Officer

Lancashire County Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1968.

The vital statistics compare most favourably with the national figures - only the infant mortality rate was worse and this by two per 1000 live births. In fact to improve on this figure only one infant death must occur during a year. The only conclusion to be drawn from these statistics is that during 1968, Blackrod was a healthy area to live in.

It is regretted that no progress can be reported in regard to any practical development in the re-sewering of this District and for its subsequent treatment at the Horwich Works. This seems to call for the most ^{urgent} implementation.

Once again I am much indebted to the help and co-operation of Mr. Wood and my other colleagues, and of course, to the support and understanding of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

E. TAYLOR,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION 1A:

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	2,392.4 acres
Population Census 1961	3,600
Population Estimated mid 1968	4,750
Number of inhabited dwellings at end of 1968	1,585
Rateable Value	£120,302
Sum represented by a penny rate	£462
Social conditions - No material change.	

<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Live Births			
Legitimate	99	43	56
Illegitimate	3	-	3
	<u>102</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>59</u>
Live birth rate per 1,000	21.5		
Adjusted birth rate	19.4		
Still Births:			
Legitimate	1	Nil	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>
Still Birth rate per 1,000 total births	10		
Total Births: 102	Males: 43	Females: 59	

DEATHS:

Infant Deaths (under 1 year)	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	2	1	1
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil	Nil
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

INFANT MORTALITY RATES:

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	20
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	20
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	NIL
Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	20
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	20
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 total births	29
Mortality Rates per 1,000 estimated population :-	

Total Deaths (all forms)

Crude Rate	7.4
Adjusted Rate	9.8
Respiratory T.B.	Nil
Malignant Neoplasms etc.	1.05

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1968:

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	-	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	2		2
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	1	-
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	2	2	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	-
Ischaemic Heart Disease	9	5	4
Other Forms of Heart Disease	3	-	3
Bronchitis and Emphysema	3	2	1
Hypertensive Disease	2	2	-
Cerebrovascular Disease	4	1	3
Peptic Ulcer	1	1	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour etc.	2	1	1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	2	-
Suicide & Self inflicted injuries	1	1	-
All other external causes	1	-	1
	<u>35</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>16</u>

Transferable Deaths included in the above.

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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

Ambulance Service

Tel: Swinton

Care of Children - Children Act 1948

Children's Committee, Lancashire County Council

Area Children's Officer - E. A. Foster Esq.,
Ashfield Park Drive, Standish, Tel: Standish 3147.

Clinics:

1. Ante Natal and Post Natal
 164 New Street, Blackrod:
 Thursdays, Friday afternoon.
2. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Poliomyelitis and Small Pox
 Immunisation.
 164 New Street, Blackrod:
 1st and 3rd Tuesday in month - 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.
3. Child Welfare:
 164 New Street, Blackrod Doctor present
 1st and 3rd Thursday in month 2 - 4 p.m.
 1st and 3rd Tuesday in month 1-30 - 3-30 p.m.
4. Ophthalmic:
 School Health Clinics: Jones Street, Horwich) By
 Market St. Westhoughton.) appointment
5. Orthopaedic:
 School Health Clinics: Jones Street, Horwich) By
 Market St. Westhoughton.) appointment
6. Tuberculosis Dispensary and Chest Clinic:
 ~~Darby Street, Barnoldswick~~ Civic Centre, Bolton.
7. Venereal Disease:
 i) Civic Centre - Bolton:
 Males - Monday to Friday - 9-30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
 Mon., Wed., Friday - 4-30 p.m. to 7-00 p.m.
 Females:
 Tues., Thurs., Sat: 9-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m.
 Mon., Wed., Friday : 4-30 p.m. to 7-00 p.m.

ii) Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.
Males - Friday : 2.30 p.m. to 6-30 p.m.
Females - Wednesday : 2-00 p.m. to 6-00 p.m.

Urgent Cases: Mon. to Fri.: 9-00 a.m. to 5-00 p.m.
Saturday: 9-00 a.m. to 11-00 a.m.
4-30 p.m. to 7-00 p.m.

8. Convalescence:

Under arrangements made by Lancashire County Council -
Apply: Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh.

9. Convalescent Treatment:

Under arrangements by the Regional Hospital Board.

10. Health Visiting Service:

Health Visitors School Nurses are employed in the District
by Lancashire County Council,

11. Home Help Service:

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council
Apply: Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh.

12. Home Nursing Service:

District Nurses are employed in the district by the
Lancashire County Council.

13. Hospital:

Bolton Royal Infirmary: Bolton & District General Hospital;
Farnworth: Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan: Chorley
and District General Hospital.

14. Laboratory Facilities:

Regional Hospital Laboratories at Bolton and Wigan Infirmaries.

15. Maternity Homes:

Haslam, Havercroft and Heaton Grange Maternity Homes, Bolton.
Bolton & District General Hospital and Billinge Hospital.

16. Midwifery Service:

Domiciliary Midwives employed by the Lancashire County Council
practive in the district,

17. Nursing Homes:

Newlands Nursing Home - Bolton.
Christopher Nursing Home - Wigan.

18. Unmarried Mothers and Illigitimate Children:

Provision for their care is made by the Lancashire County Council.

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Welfare Services:

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council.
Apply: Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh.
Residential accommodation at: Thirlsleigh Grange,
Hornigan House, Leigh and Whitford Kettle House,
Westhoughton.

X-Ray Facilities:

Available at: Bolton Royal Infirmary and the Western Infirmary,
Residential Facilities for Chest X-Ray at the Hospital Board,
Lancashire and Great Britain.

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19. Council for Moral Welfare Works:

Miss Rigby, 24 Acresfield, Bolton. Tel: Bolton 26524.

20. Welfare Services:

Under arrangements made by the Lancashire County Council.

Apply: Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh.

Residential accommodation at Atherleigh Grange.

Hourigan House, Leigh and Winnifred Kettle House, Westhoughton.

21. X-Ray Facilities:

Available at Bolton Royal Infirmary and the Wigan Infirmary
Special Facilities for Chest X-Ray at the Hospital Board's
Dispensaries and Chest Clinics.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply: The Urban District have their own water undertaking and the supply is obtained from a catchment area of some 170 acres of land owned and controlled by the Council.

The surface water and water from land springs is stored in a 20 million gallon impounding reservoir. The catchment area is mainly moorland in character and is situated in the Horwich Urban District,

The undertaking is adequate for the needs of the district at the present time, and bulk supplies are provided to the Adlington Urban District and to the Makerfield Water Board. All houses in the district are provided with water from public mains.

A total of 19 samples of water have been taken for bacteriological examination.

4 samples were taken from the raw water entering the Reservoir:-
2 of these were satisfactory; 2 were unsatisfactory.

15 samples taken from the Distribution Mains, 15 of which were satisfactory;

Continuous chlorination is carried out to the water as it enters into the supply mains at the Council's Reservoir.

No restrictions on use of water were enforced during 1968.

Drainage and Sewerage:

An additional 34 new dwellings have been connected into the sewer system and small extensions to the sewer system has been undertaken by the housing developers to enable the new dwellings to be connected into the existing sewer network.

Public Cleansing: There are 1786 refuse bins to be emptied each week and a weekly collection has been maintained over the year with the exception of one week in July and September when the workmen has their annual holidays. Approximately 1800 tons of domestic refuse was collected and disposed of.

Refuse bins for domestic properties are supplied by the Council as a a charge on the rate fund.

The refuse is disposed of by tipping in a disused mineral railway cutting which is being re-levelled and graded to adjoining field level.

One refuse collecting vehicle of a dual tip type, having a 12 cu. yard body fitted, is used for refuse collection and three loaders and one driver are regularly employed on this work.

Sanitary Inspections, during the year some 81 complaints relating to sanitary matters including refuse collection were received. Throughout the year, 753 premises were visited for all purposes, nine informal notices being served and four Statutory notices served.

Factories Acts 1961: In accordance with the provisions of Section 153 (1) of the Factories Act 1961, the Medical Officer of Health is required to report specifically on the administration of matters under part '11' and '18' of this Act, which are administered by the District Council.

PART '11' OF THE ACT

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

<u>Premises</u>	<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>	<u>Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
2) Factories not included in (1) which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	11	9	-	-
3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
	11	9	-	-

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PART '18' OF THE ACT

Shops: Shops were inspected under the Shops Act and 26 Inspections were carried out for this purpose.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963. The following types of premises have been registered under the above Act :-

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>Number Registered</u>	<u>No. of persons Employed</u>	
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Offices	2	4	1
Retail Shops	14	3	26
Wholesale Departments	1	3	-
Catering Establishments	3	8	15
Canteens	-	-	-
Fuel Storage Premises	-	-	-
	<u>20</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>42</u>

Eighteen premises have been visited and 28 inspections made for the purposes of the Act.

Prevalance of, and Control over

Infectious and other Diseases

Diptheria	No cases Notified
Encephalitis	No cases Notified
Erysipelas	No cases Notified
Malaria	No cases Notified
Measles	9 cases were reported during the year Age: 0-1-2-3-4-5-10-15-25 1 1 4 2 1
Meningococal Infectious	No cases Notified
Paratyphoid Fever	No cases Notified
Pneumonia	No cases Notified
Poliomyelitis	No cases Notified
Scarlet Fever	No cases Notified
Small Pox	No cases Notified
Tuberculosis	No cases Notified
Typhoid Fever	No cases Notified
Whooping Cough	5 cases were reported during the year. Age: 0-1-2-3-4-5-10-15-15 2 2 1
Chicken Pox	1 case was reported during the year. Age: 0-1-2-3-4-5-10-15-25 1
Jaundice	1 case was reported during the year. Age: 0-1-2-3-4-5-10-15-25 1

The Authority has taken no action under the Housing Act 1964 where Local Authorities can require owners to avail themselves of Improvement Grants.

House Letting: Ten houses were re-let to tenants from the Council's Housing Waiting List.

At the present time, there are 74 applicants on the Council's Housing Waiting List, of which 36 are at the present time residing outside the district. 48 applications for aged persons bungalows are also listed, 18 of which are from people residing outside the district.

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HOUSING

The Local Authority are not building any houses at the present moment. Re-housing tenants from unfit dwellings is being carried out as existing houses of the Council become vacant.

Private Housing Development is maintaining a steady completion rate, there being 34 dwellings completed during the year.

The following shows in detail the work carried out during the year under review:-

a)	Inspection of dwelling houses -	
	Number of houses inspected for defects	275
	Number of inspections made	380
	Number of dwellings in which defects were remedied	10
b)	Slum Clearance -	
	Number of Demolition Orders made	2
	Number of Unfit houses demolished	13
	Number of families re-housed	6
	Number of Unfit houses closed	-
	Number of Unfit houses made fit after determination of Closing Order	-

Improvement of older houses: The following table shows the extent of this work during 1968

a)	Improvement Grants:				
	No applications for Improvement Grants were received.				
b)	Standard Grants:				
	No. of applications received	No. of applications approved	No. of houses improved		
	Owner Tenanted	Owner Tenanted	Owner Tenanted		
	Occupier	Occupier	Occupier		
	3 -	3 -	5 -		

Amenities Provided

Fixed Bath	Wash Hand Basin	Hot Water Supply	Inside W.C.	Food Store
5	5	4	5	5

S E C I O N 'D'

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply: 54 samples of milk have been taken and submitted for bacteriological examination.

54 samples submitted for Brucellosis - (ring test) 12 positive
42 negative

Re-sampling of individual cows in herd when positive results have been obtained from bulk samples and isolation of cows excreting Brucella and finally removal from herd after being identified.

Food Hygiene: All shops and food preparing premises have been visited during the year. General conditions were found to be satisfactory and matters of detail on the Food Hygiene Regulations were discussed with the Occupier of the premises and it was not found necessary to institute proceedings.

The following table shows the number and type selling food :-

General Grocers and Provision Dealers	12
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	2
Fishmongers	-
Meat Shops	1
Bakers and Confectioners	1
Fried Fish Shops	3
Sweet Shops (including ice cream and minerals)	1
Licenced premises, Clubs, Cafes, Snack Bars and similar catering establishments	13

Food poisoning: No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Slaughterhouses - There are no slaughterhouses in use in the district all carcass meat being slaughtered outside the District.

Rodent Control: Complaints of rodents have been investigated and treatment carried out at the following premises.

	Type of Property.		
	Non Agricultural	Agricultural	
	Dwelling Houses	other	
Number of properties inspected after notification	15	-	6
Number of properties found to be infested by Rats	4	-	6
Mice	11	-	-
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Number of properties treated	15	-	6
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Several treatments at the Council's Refuse tip have been carried out.

